

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2006
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. (CT)
12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. (MT)**

Members Present: Cathy Holden , Barb Hemmelman, Karla Schlosser, Janet Ricketts, Judy Hoscheid, Mary Livermont, Kathy Swartz (on behalf of Pat Monson), Rosalyn Goodwin, Monica Mayer, Divina Baker, Erin Horstmeyer, David Calhoon.

Members Absent: Revi Warne, Carli Nigert, Shauna Klipfel, Anne Reddy, Donna Olivier and Laura Johnson Frame.

State Birth to 3 Connections Staff: Sherrie Fines, Crystal Goeden, Jan Elsing and Merle Doolittle.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Judy Hoscheid.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Barb Hemmelman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Janet Ricketts, motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved without changes.

Old Business:

- **ICC Membership- Sherrie Fines**

The ICC membership positions are filled except for the legislative position. Members are listed on the Birth to 3 Connections website <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3/index.asp> .

- **Child Count- December 1, 2005- Crystal Goeden**

1. The number of children on active IFSPs for December 1, 2005 is 935. Last year's December 1, 2004 count was 897.
2. The number of prolonged assistance children is 301. School districts are responsible for paying and providing services for these children.
3. The number of children that exited from the Birth to 3 Connections program between 12/2/04 and 12/1/05 is 778. These are children that either turned three or left the program due to moving away etc.
4. December 1, 2005, break down of applicant areas:

Black Hills- 182	Northwest Area- 48
Center for Disabilities- 227	River- 61
Easter Seals- 116	Southeast- 86
Heartland Hands- 31	Three Rivers- 94
Hub Area- 90	
5. December 1, 2005 child count by age:
 - 91 – 0-1 year olds
 - 312 – 1-2 year olds
 - 532 – 2-3 year olds
7. December 1, 2005 child count by race

▪ White - 644	▪ Asian - 8
▪ American Indian- 238	▪ Hispanic -23
▪ Black - 22	

- **Battelle- 2 Development Inventory Trainings- Jan Elsing**

Trainings were held February 6, 2006 in Rapid City attended by 63 professionals, February 7, 2006 in Chamberlain attended by 71, and February 8, 2006 in Huron attended by 84 for a total of 218. Keith Gustafson, a certified Battelle trainer conducted all three sessions. Keith is the Director of Special Education for the Peace Garden Consortium of Student Support Services in Bottineau, ND which provides consultation and technical assistance services to fifteen member school districts in the north central part of North Dakota. He works with young children and families every day.

Special Education Part B/619 recently purchased 41 copies of the BDI-2 at a cost of \$1080 each to be distributed among the 7 Education Service Agencies and 13 Special Education Cooperatives. Delivery of the tests is expected to be on or about March 17. All children who enter the Part C and B program from March 1, 2006 forward are required to have a BDI-2 done in all five areas of development and scores reported to DOE. At this time the scores will be encoded by our Part C data manager. An electronic system for reporting scores is in development.

As a result of the trainings, a Question and Answer document has been compiled and put on the web within both Birth to 3 Connections and Special Education links. In addition, the technical assistance paper and reporting form that was developed as part of the training is also on the web.

BDI-2 training will be offered again on September 25, 2006 in Pierre to allow those who did not attend the February sessions an opportunity attend.

- **State Application- Sherrie Fines**

The Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for federal fiscal year 2006 will be submitted to the Office of Special Education programs on or before April 7, 2006. The application is currently available for public access on the Birth to 3 Connections website at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3/index.asp> and notices to access the application on this website was published in local newspapers around the state. The state is required to have the application widely available to the public for 60 days and receive public comment for 30 days. Public comment closed March 3, 2006. The application will remain on the website until March 26.

- **Request for Proposals for Birth to 3 Service Coordination – Sherrie Fines**

The RFP for Service Coordination for the Birth to 3 Connections program is available on the Birth to 3 Connections website. Information regarding the RFP has been advertised statewide in local newspapers. The deadline for submission of the RFP is March 15, 2006. The SICC members received a hard copy of the RFP in a packet prior to this meeting. The RFP is opened every three years statewide for interested parties to apply to be the applicant for local Birth to 3 Connections programs. There have been 12 local areas identified for the past several years. This year Area I was split into Area I (Davison, Hanson, McCook, Turner, and Sanborn) and Area M (Minnehaha). With the steady increase of births in Sioux Falls, an additional area with the program was established for Minnehaha County increasing the local programs from 12 to 13. According to the *SD Vital Statistics by Counties* with the Department of Health, there were 2,548 births in Minnehaha County in 2004.

If there is more than one applicant applying for an area, the Birth to 3 Connections program will consult with the ICC members. In the past 3 years, the program has had 9 contracts to cover the 66 counties and 12 regions. Currently, the program is contracting with the following programs.

1. Black Hills B-3 program – Black Hills Special Service Coop
2. Northwest B-3 program – Northwest Area School Ed. Coop

3. Southeast B-3 program – Southeast Area Coop – 1 area
4. Three River B-3 program – Three Rivers Special Services Coop
5. Easter Seals B-3 program – 3 areas – Easter Seals of SD
6. River B-3 program – Mid Central Educational Coop
7. Hub Area B-3 program – Aberdeen Area Children & Adolescent Services
8. Heartland Hands B-3 program – Redfield Public School
9. Center for Disabilities B- 3 – USD Center for Disabilities

New Business:

OSEP - Federal Review – Sherrie Fines

Special Education Programs (Part C and B) have received notice that the Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) will conduct a federal review July 26-28. Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center will be assisting Part C by providing technical assistance for the OSEP review. The last time OSEP visited South Dakota was about 1999.

Mary Livermont, Program Specialist with Child Protections Services with Dept of Social Services, presented a power point on Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) and Role of the Child Protection Social Worker in SD. An informational packet was sent out to the ICC members prior to the meeting.

Other Business:

Next SICC Meeting: The next quarterly meeting will be via DDN in June or July 2006.

Meeting Adjourned: Karla Schlossar motioned the meeting adjourn and Barb Hemmelman seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. (CT).